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FROM: Ankara

TO: Secretary of State

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PRIORITY

ACTION DEPARTMENT 240, INFORMATION

Embassy informed Foreign Minister [redacted] Ambassador August 12 that Sarper advised Rif [redacted] Agreement for USSR regularly scheduled flights would be approved. Department will recall (Bureau February 15) Sarper advised Embassy February 3 [redacted] oral request for such commercial overflights [redacted] delayed. Embassy has contacted Foreign Office [redacted] level with following result:

Soviets apparently provoked Turkey [redacted] request, filed formal note July 11 for overflight en route Moscow-Cairo. Apparently would accept [redacted] Inebolu-Ankara-Sidra. Third Department [redacted] official said no alternative but to [redacted] (CAS has report DIRECT Third Department [redacted] Soviet Embassy officer approval would be [redacted] to be worked out and flights should not [redacted] Soviets requested.)

Foreign Office view Article XIII [redacted] concurrence. Failure could invite Soviet [redacted] convention and result undesirable [redacted] relations. GOT requesting reciprocal rights but [redacted] in position implement foreseeable future.

Curious that despite close relations [redacted] and history US interest above subject per reference despatch. Foreign Office officials [redacted]

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Including Foreign Minister did not have frequent opportunities recent weeks advise Bureau official request. Inclined believe Sarper feels personal position delicate and probably that matter discussed cabinet level as well as Gurses by Rizev during his recent call. Also curious existence apparent compulsion reply favorably prior to government assuming office.

I am seeking appointment Sarper soonest raise issue particularly in light Turkish failure keep Embassy advised when GOC entirely aware keen US interest. Will advise developments.

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